

Minutes
of the
74th Annual Session
of the
Mount Pisgah
Baptist Association

Held With the

Hickory Baptist Church

Newton County, Miss.
September 16th, 17th, 18th, 1911



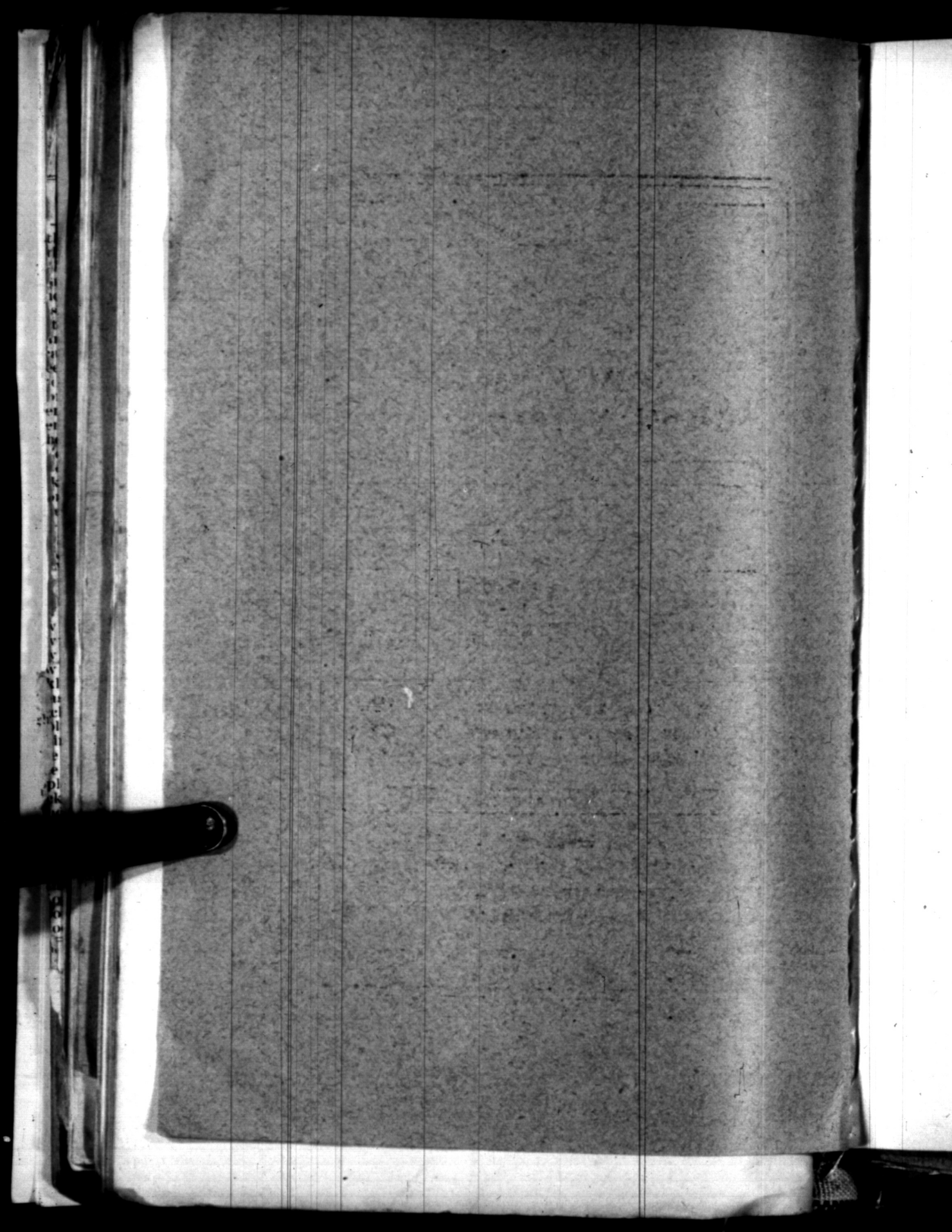
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Next place of meeting, Beulah Church, Newton County, Miss., Saturday before the third Lord's Day in September, 1912.

OFFICERS:

F. M. Breland, Moderator, Philadelphia, Miss.; G. P. Clarke, Clerk, Decatur, Miss.; J. E. Graham, Treasurer, Decatur, Miss.

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STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CHURCHES.

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Mount Pisgah Association:

Another year has passed, and our beloved Association has been permitted to meet according to appointment, with the Church at Hickory—this time in her Seventy-fourth annual session.

We have had a pleasant and profitable session—no discord having arisen to mar the proceedings. A spirit of unity seemed to pervade the body, the preaching has been unusually sound, earnest, and orthodox. The good people of Hickory and community have been most kind and generous in entertaining the Association.

In view of these mercies, we have much to be thankful for. To God be all the praise.

We wish to state here that it is very difficult for one person to write a report or essay on the same subject from year to year, and avoid repetition, but at any rate it will serve to call attention to the salient points of the matter under consideration.

Now, as to the fraternal feeling among our extended brotherhood we think there has been a great advance in that line during the last few years.

There seems to be, as far as our observation goes, an increase of brotherly feeling among the membership of the churches. This is manifested in the more frequent use of

the term, "brother," and "sister," than was formerly the case. It would indeed be a consummation greatly to be desired for all the members of our great fraternity to drop the cold formality of "Mr." and "Mrs." when meeting here on earth. And why not? Why should we be ashamed to greet one another with the term brother, or sister?

Are we ashamed to make this recognition before the world? If so, we are not worthy of the great honor of holding membership in the great brotherhood we should endeavor to make the church here on earth, and our intercourse, as brothers and sisters, as near a copy of what we believe and expect it to be in heaven, where we all hope to go, as possible. Of course, here, we can but fall far short of the peace and serenity of that happy land, but we can do our best to imitate it. As to the state of religion, we think there has been progress in that direction. Profanity, drunkenness and other licentious practices are not near so common—as far as we can see—as they were a few years ago. This shows that the leaven of the Gospel is working, for no other influence but the Gospel applied by the power of the Spirit, can dispel the darkness of dissipation and sin from our land.

So brethren and sisters, let us thank God and take courage—do our full duty to our Master, and one another, resting assured that all will come out right in the end.

G. P. CLARKE.

PROCEEDINGS OF

The Seventy-fourth Annual Session of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Association.

HICKORY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Newton County, Miss., September 16, 1911.

At the usual hour (11 o'clock a. m.) the appointee, Elder W. H. Rainer, preached the introductory sermon from Acts 2-29:47. Theme: Conviction, Repentance Toward God, Faith Toward our Lord Jesus Christ, and Baptism Pre-requisites to Church Membership. It is sufficient to say that the sermon was a plain and convincing presentation of Gospel truth. After the sermon a short time was spent in partaking of the splendid dinner provided by the church and community.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

A hymn was sung, Elder John Sansing offered prayer, and the Association was convened in its Seventy-fourth annual session by the Moderator, Elder F. M. Breland.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

To read letters—W. H. Harrison, W. J. McMullan, John Sansing.

On Finance—L. P. Wilson, J. D. Herrington, J. R. Sansing.

On Preaching—Pastor and Deacons of Hickory Church with J. E. Graham and W. T. Cooper.

The roll of churches was called, and names of messengers enrolled.

Beulah—J. E. Graham, H. O. White, T. A. Sims, J. L. Harrison.

Bluff Springs—J. D. Herrington, G. J. Hillman.

Beat Line—H. F. Allgood, G. A. Leach, Walter Edwards.

County Line—J. R. Sansing.

Centre Ridge—J. S. Wells, W. T. Graves.

Cross Roads—M. F. Mann, Frank Russell.

Chunkey—L. L. Jones, Charley Gilbert, J. F. May.

Decatur—A. S. Smith, W. P. Pace, J. T. McMullan, G.

P. Clarke.

Dixon—Joe Germany, W. T. Lewis.

Ebenezer, (Newton Co.)—T. J. Bounds, E. M. Nelson.

Ebenezer, (Neshoba Co.)—By letter.

Ephesus—W. J. Gardner, J. D. Meyer.

Good Hope, (Scott Co.)—George Gould, Thos Ivey.

Good Hope, (Newton Co.)—J. L. Williams, C. A. Barber.

Hopewell—Joe Williamson, W. H. Harrison, Lamar Williams.

Hickory—A. C. Hailey, Jeff Blass, M. G. Scarborough.

Hazel—H. C. Rush.

Hebron—J. S. Laird, L. A. Motley.

Hope—J. A. Grafton, J. E. Turner.

Mt. Sinai—F. M. Breland, Claude Wells.

Midway—Ray McMullan, Zack Gibson.

Mt. Pleasant—S. C. Harvey, B. B. Allen.

New Prospect—C. M. Russell, A. J. Thrash.

Neshoba—C. M. McCraw, L. P. Wilson, Green Houston, W. T. Cooper.

New Providence—G. C. Tatum, L. J. Peevey.

New Ireland—Ed. Red, W. P. Gordon.

Oakland—J. T. Giles, J. C. Harris.

Pleasant Hill—S. A. Bishop, W. W. Adams, W. E. Cartlidge.

Pinckney—Carl Gordon, T. E. Raburn.

Pine Bluff—A. M. Valentine, S. H. Everett.

Pine Ridge—N. V. Harrison, A. Caples.

Poplar—T. J. Bryant, J. R. McKey.

Pleasant Ridge—W. H. Caldwell, J. B. Gibbon.

Rock Branch—W. H. Rainer, F. S. Smith.

Salem—T. W. Lay, D. G. Stroud.

Sulphur Spring—J. D. Amis, C. A. Edwards.

Sand Springs—O. O. Jones, A. W. Smith.

Sardis—G. W. Brantley, W. L. Gilmore.

Stratton—S. A. Alexander, Joe McMullan.

Union, (Newton Co.)—H. C. Taylor, W. L. Collins, E. J. Hill, E. C. Cooper.

Union, (Scott Co.)—L. W. Townsend, R. M. Beesley.

The time having now arrived for the election of officers for the ensuing term, the body proceeded to attend to that business.

On motion, agreed to elect by acclamation. Elder F. M. Breland was re-elected Moderator, G. P. Clarke, Clerk, and J. E. Graham, Treasurer. The officers-elect accepted with thanks.

Petitionary letters were called for. None were presented.

Visiting ministers and corresponding messengers were invited to seats. When the following brethren responded and were seated:

S. B. Culpepper, J. W. Satterfield, L. M. Phillips, W. J. Bruner, from Bay Springs Association.

M. W. Langham, from Oktibbeha Association.

P. I. Lipsey, from Central Association.

The committee on preaching made the following report:

That Elder S. B. Culpepper preach at the church at 7:45 p. m. Elder W. L. Collins preach at the Baptist church at 11 a. m. Sunday, and Dr. P. I. Lipsey at the same hour at the Methodist Church. Elder F. M. Breland to preach at the Baptist Church Sunday night 8 o'clock, and Dr. R. A. Venable same hour at the Methodist Church. Sunday School talks by L. A. Duncan and others Sunday Morning, 9:45 to 10:30. Prayer service 10:30 to 11 o'clock, led by Elder Wm. Yarbrough.

J. E. GRAHAM,
W. T. COOPER,
R. A. VENABLE,
J. A. WHITE,
A. C. HAILEY,
Committee.

Dr. P. I. Lipsey was, on motion invited to address the Association on the subject of Ministerial Education, which he did in a very able and entertaining manner. Interesting addresses were also delivered by Dr. R. A. Venable and Elder H. C. Taylor, on the same subject.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator.

On nominations—J. E. Graham, M. F. Mann, J. L. Harrison.

Queries and Requests—J. T. Giles, H. C. Rush, B. B. Allen.

On motion ordered a collection for Missions at the close of the morning service, and for the Orphanage in afternoon, Sunday.

The business of the day being now completed, on motion adjourned to 8 o'clock a. m. Monday.

SUNDAY.

All the brethren filled the places to which they were appointed, as per the report of the Committee on Preaching.

Want of space forbids an extended description of all the sermons and talks, hence, let it be sufficient to say that they were all earnest and able expositions of Gospel doctrine. It was the general concensus of opinion, that great and lasting good will result from the labors of the day. A pleasant feature of the day, was the generous feast provided by the good people of Hickory and community.

Collections for Missions.....	\$37.70
Collection for Orphanage.....	19.13

MONDAY MORNING.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment. After a song, Elder E. J. Hill offered prayer.

The roll of messengers was called, and absentees excused.

The Rules of Decorum were read by order of the Moderator.

Called for churches not represented on Saturday. Renewed call for corresponding messengers from sister Associations. Dr. J. R. Carter from the Orphanage, Elder R. L. Breland from Oktibbeha Association, Bro. L. A. Duncan representing Clarke Memorial College, Dr. I. A. Haley from Lauderdale County Association, Elder J. E. Chapman, and Elder C. L. Sansing from Bay Springs Association, responded and were welcomed by the Moderator. These brethren, together with those seated on Saturday, added greatly to the interest and success of the session.

Corresponding messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Pearl Valley—J. A. Grafton, F. M. Breland.

Oktibbeha—W. T. Cooper, J. R. Sansing, H. O. White, W. L. Collins.

Hopewell—N. V. Harrison, D. M. Stroud, W. J. Gardner.

The above named messengers were authorized to write their own letters.

To the General Association—W. T. Cooper, W. H. Rainer, H. O. White, Wm. Yarbrough, F. M. Breland, R. K. Cleveland, T. A. Sims, G. P. Clarke.

Reading of Reports was now taken up.

State of Religion, and Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches. Read by G. P. Clarke and adopted without discussion. (See first page).

OBITUARIES.

Read by W. H. Rainer and adopted without discussion. Report follows:

Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following:

We find that God has seen fit to remove by His gentle hand from this earth, to His kingdom above, the following named brethren and sisters.

Fronie Brand, Melissa Graham, Olander Greer, J. M. Atkinson, Grandma Edwoods, Simon Stuckey, Walter Tatum, Eliza Jane Culpepper, Emily Scott, Adam Smith, Mary Linda White, Mary Pierce, R. L. Herrington, A. F. Lindley, L. M. Giles, Bob Houston, J. T. McCraw, H. A. Taylor, Mrs. W. T. Sharp, Henry Bassett, Julius Barefield, Mrs. M. L. Brown.

May God, in His infinite love, comfort the bereaved, and give them reconciling grace.

Submitted,

W. H. RAINER.

PUBLICATION.

Report read by H. O. White, discussed at great length, and adopted.

Your Committee would recommend first of all, not only the reading, but the studying of the Bible. Christ told the Jews to search the Scripture, "for in them ye think ye have eternal life," John 5:39. Again He said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words," John 14:25. We cannot keep His words unless we know them, and we cannot know them unless we read and study the Bible, for the Bible is God's word. In the main, the masses of our people have but little knowledge of the Bible. A great many of them know more about other books and their authors than they do about the Bible, and its author, hence, when men raise among us teaching perverse things, they are bewildered and many of them led astray. We would also recommend the reading of good books, and denominational papers. We recommend the Mississippi Baptist, Newton, Miss., The Baptist Record, the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., the Home Field, Atlanta, Ga., the Orphanage Gem, Jackson, Miss., and the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Literature.

H. O. WHITE.

MISSIONS.

Report read by R. L. Breland, discussed at length, and adopted.

We, your Committee on Missions, report the following: Missions, means to send. Our blessed Lord was sent from heaven to the earth on a mission. "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to

His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in. Behold, He shall come, sayeth the Lord of hosts." The messenger came from heaven to bless and save us, and the more we know of Him, the more we love Him and praise God for His coming. His message was eternal life, and as we receive Him, we become His messengers, for He says, as the Father loved me and sent me into the world, so send I you. Missions are to carry the message of a dying Christ for the salvation of the lost. Christ could not have come if the Father had not sent Him; neither we go with the message of eternal life if Divinity was not behind it. The Bride of the Lord is the world's lamp; the message is His power. The word says, "whosoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved, but how can they call on Him in whom they have not believed, how can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard, and how can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except he be sent."

The four "hows" given above is enough to convert every Christian heart and pocketbook to missions. It is Divinity reasoning with humanity. But we rejoice that we are advancing along all lines of mission work. Last year Southern Baptist gave to missions:

Foreign Missions, \$510,008.97. For Home Missions, \$333,534.43, an increase of several thousand dollars in each instance. Mississippi gave several hundred dollars more for State Missions last year than ever before.

But we have not done our dead level best yet. Let every church, every member, and every pastor talk and pray missions more than ever before, and above all things let us give more.

As to our methods of mission work, we have the best that we know anything about. Let the churches and pastors be wise to the good old way that is doing things for our Master.

Submitted,

E. J. HILL.

TEMPERANCE.

Report read by R. K. Cleveland, discussed and adopted.
The fight for Temperance has been going on day and night, and some times with rapid pace, yet it has not been as broad and general, reaching every place, nook and corner as it should. The Bible is a book of temperance in all things, but some things are allowable—others are not. It does not mean we are to be temperate in things not allowable.

We are not to be temperate in sin. To drink intoxicants is a sin. The most important work before us, to be continued, is to get our people to abstain totally from the use of all intoxicants as a beverage.

This is the only safe and sure hope of our country. It is a violation of law to sell intoxicants as a beverage in Mississippi, hence the crime and sin of perjury.

The man who sells intoxicants expects those who patronize him to perjure their souls by swearing a lie to shield him from prosecution. Some people seem to think the law is weak—a failure. The law is good—the people are weak, some Baptists. We can enforce the law if we want to. Drunkenness is a sin, and we are drunk to the extent that we partake. The blind tiger—so called—is still in existence, and needs the officers of the law after him, hence we ought to be careful who we elect to office.

It is the duty of all good citizens—and especially Baptists, to try to drive him out of our country. It is fashionable for many—and some Baptists—to order their intoxicants out of the State, to be in keeping with the laws.

Here we need help, and trust in God that it may be given. It is our duty as Baptists—members of the church of Christ—to so live, speak, and teach our children and those with whom we come in contact—create such a sentiment against this demon, drink, as to make it a disgrace to touch

or handle the vile stuff. We ask all sober thinking people to join hands with us in this glorious, hard task.

Submitted,

R. K. CLEVELAND.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Read by J. T. Giles and adopted.

Your Committee on Queries and Requests report as follows:

We find that Rock Branch, Hopewell, Beulah, and Pleasant Hill, all in Newton county, ask for the Association in 1912. We recommend that the Association go to Beulah next year.

J. T. GILES, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS.

Read by J. E. Graham and adopted.

We, your Committee appoint Elder Wm. Yarbrough to preach the next introductory sermon, and Elder W. B. Hammond to be his alternate. Elder E. J. Hill to preach the next annual sermon on missions, his alternate, Elder H. C. Taylor.

J. E. GRAHAM, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m. The dinner, as before was good and plentiful.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Continued reading of reports.

FINANCE.

Read by J. R. Sansing and adopted.

We, your Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following:

Associational Fund	\$ 85.85
Chunkey Church (Foreign Missions)	14.50
Orphanage (collection)	19.13
Missions (collection)	37.70

We have examined the Treasurer's report, and find that he has disbursed the following amounts:

General Association	\$ 40.00
Printing Minutes and postage	62.65
Clerk's Fee	20.00
J. R. Carter for Orphanage	24.61
Board Meeting	7.00

\$154.26

Balance on hand \$1.71

J. D. HERRINGTON, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

Read by W. J. McMullan, and after being amended so as to make the clause relating to the Bible in public school, read, that we encourage the reading of the Bible in the schools," was adopted.

Your Committee on Education would submit the following report:

This is a day of education. God has given us intellectual faculties, but has left the development work to man. Education comprehends all of that series of instruction

and discipline that is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper, and form the manners and habits of youth, and fit them for usefulness in the Stations of life. To give children a literal education is very important, but to give them a religious training is indispensable; and a grave responsibility rests on the parents or guardians who neglect these great and important duties; for in early life, while the mind is tender and easily impressed, is the time to begin to educate. All vocations of life are demanding more efficient laborers, and we find there is a growing demand for a better educated ministry, and that demand is just and proper, for no one, either teacher or preacher, can teach above his educational qualifications.

We recommend that parents see that the teachers of our schools are competent and God loving—see that the text books are of the right kind to elevate the minds literally and spiritually; and we further recommend that the public schools of our country should have the Bible read once each school day in the week; make the public school the very best possible, by giving our time, money, and children to its support, and ever remember that the school will be just what we make it; and after we have completed the home school, we recommend Clarke College as a good and safe place for our boys and girls with a desirable location, competent management, and thorough instruction.

Being a home institution, we recommend Clarke College first, and then Blue Mountain and Mississippi College, the State University, and such other schools as may suit our convenience and inclination.

W. J. McMULLAN.

ORPHANAGE.

Read by T. A. Sims, discussed and adopted.

We your Committee bring glorious news concerning our Orphanage. Under God, this institution has been led until it is a great power in the land for the betterment of humanity. We have now two hundred children under the care of our beloved Dr. Carter and his co-workers, who are being educated physically, mentally, morally and religiously, that they may some day be a blessing to humanity, and a power for God. While we come with glad news concerning the institution, we must report that some have been turned away, all for the lack of room. Brethren, should we allow this? Under God, I say no. We ought to be willing to make great sacrifices in order to prepare room for every orphan in Mississippi, who has not proper care elsewhere. God has given us the little orphans, among whom you will find as bright talent as among the rich of the land. All they need is proper training, such as our orphanage gives.

Brethren, let us respond to the great cause that we may help the unfortunate to help themselves, and work for the betterment of humanity, and for the glory of God, in years to come.

Submitted,

J. E. GRAHAM.

At this juncture, a collection was taken for the Orphanage. (See Sunday's transactions).

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Having been appointed by the Moderator to write a short report on the subject of Sunday Schools, I submit the following:

I deem it unnecessary to say more than to recommend

renewed energy along this line. It is useless to go into a long disquisition on the merits of Sunday Schools—every one knows it already.

We are glad to say that many of the churches report live, working Sunday Schols, and we hope still to see other churches fall into line.

S. P. CLARKE.

The 4th Article of the Rules of Decorum was amended with the addition of the following: "Provided that no one shall hold the office of Moderator for more than four consecutive terms."

RESOLUTIONS.

1st. That the clerk be instructed to have the proceedings of this meeting printed where he can get the work most neatly and promptly done, paying for same, when so done and approved by him, and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printers fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for distribution.

2nd. That all money on hand for the Orphanage be sent direct to the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., by the treasurer, and all funds on hand, after the expenses of this Association have been met, be sent to the General Association.

3rd. That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the Hickory church, and community at large, for their kind and generous entertainment of the Association during this meeting.

4th. That we now adjourn to meet with Beulah church, Newton County, Mississippi, on Saturday, before the third Lord's day in September, 1912.

A hymn was sung, the parting hand given, Dr. J. R.

Carter offered an earnest prayer, and the benediction by the Moderator closed a pleasant and profitable session of the Mt. Pisgah Association.

F. M. BRELAND, Moderator.

G. P. CLARKE, Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices. Provided that no one shall hold the office of Moderator for more than four consecutive terms.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall be one hundred—three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be declared without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as any other member when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the

Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall then proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by Clerk and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing Articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment by any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH—PREAMBLE.

We the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the

Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offspring for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of righteousness to everyone that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature and required all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a gen-

eral judgment and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to our Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of Regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we desire it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own consciences; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby the right is called in question shall instantly be ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association shall form their own By-laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

H. O. White, Decatur; D. B. Cannon, Philadelphia; H. B. Hammond, Lawrence; F. W. Gunn, Hickory; F. M. Breland, Philadelphia; G. M. May, Decatur; Wm. Yarbrough, Lawrence; H. C. Taylor, Union; D. M. Stroud, Lake; Z. B. Kitchen, Lawrence; W. H. Rainer, Union; R. K. Cleveland, Decatur; E. W. Breland, Hays; W. L. Collins, Union; E. J. Hill, Union; Joe Rushing, Harperville.

LICENTIATES.

T. A. Sims, Decatur; J. S. Laird, Decatur; Ed Red, Union; J. M. Williams, Hickory; S. W. Johnson, Union; J. G. Giles, Chunkey; T. J. Bryant, Conehatta; G. W. Brantley, Sebastopol.

NAMES OF BRETHRÈN APPOINTED TO WRITE REPORTS FOR NEXT YEAR

Missions, R. K. Cleveland; Education, E. J. Hill; Temperance, H. C. Rush; Sabbath Schools, T. A. Sims; Publications, W. H. Rainer; Orphanage, W. J. McMullen; Obituaries, H. O. White; State of Religion, G. P. Clarke; B. Y. P. U., R. A. Armstrong.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	COUNTY	No. Pupils	No. Teachers	Kind of Literature
Buelah.....	Newton.....	50	4	Baptist
County Line.....	Neshoba.....	40	4	Baptist
Chunkey.....	Newton.....	75	6	Baptist
Decatur.....	Newton.....	55	5	Southern Baptist
Dixon.....	Neshoba.....	65	4	Baptist
Good Hope.....	Newton.....	60	4	Baptist
Hickory.....	Newton.....	80	7	Southern Baptist
Hazel.....	Newton.....	80	4	Union
Hope.....	Neshoba.....	60	5	Baptist
Mt. Sinai.....	Neshoba.....	90	4	Baptist
Midway.....	Newton.....	32	4	Baptist
Mt. Pleasant.....	Newton.....	66	5	Baptist
Neshoba.....	Neshoba.....	100	6	Baptist
Pleasant Ridge.....	Newton.....	56	5	Baptist
Salem.....	Scott.....	31	3	Union
Sulphur Springs.....	Scott.....	37	4	Union
Stratton.....	Newton.....	30	4	Baptist
Union.....	Scott.....	62	4	Baptist
Union.....	Newton.....	137		Baptist

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTY	Bap	Rec'd	Res	Dis. by	Exch	M	Fa	Co	No. M	Am's	Tu Mo	Ode	Lice
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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTY	Baptized	Rec'd by Let	Restored	Dis. by Let	Excluded	Dead	Males	Females	Colored	Total	No. Minutes	Am's Fund	Time of Meeting	Ordained	Licentiate	PASTORS
Buelah	Newton	6	1	1	3	5	5	64	103	1	168	303	00	3d	1	1	G. W. Breland
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	2	2		5	3	3	26	27		53	202	00				J. S. Chatham
Beat Line	Newton	5	3		1			19	17		36	151	50				W. J. Bruner
County Line	Neshoba				6	1		26	37		65	151	50			1	
Centre Ridge	Newton	11	2			1		26	25		51	151	50				H. C. Taylor
Cross Roads	Newton	3						14	13		27	101	00				Wm Varbrough
Chunkey	Newton	1			5	3	3	61	74		135	303	00				R. A. Venable
Decatur	Newton	13	4		2	1		96	135	1	232	404	00	2d			E. J. Hill
Dixon	Neshoba		1		1			21	16		37	151	50			1	J. S. Chatham
Ebenezer	Newton	3	1		5	1	1	26	50		76	202	00			1	G. M. May
Ebenezer	Neshoba					1	1	22	29		51	151	90				H. C. Taylor
Ephesus	Scott			1		6	1	24	30		54	151	50				J. H. Satterfield
Good Hope	Scott	6	6		3	3	1	28	38		66	202	00				G. M. May
Good Hope	Newton	16	4			1		25	32		57	202	00				Z. K. Gilmore
Hopewell	Newton	4	4		1		2				102	303	00				W. H. Rainer
Hickory	Newton	2	6		8	1		64	100		164	303	00			1	R. A. Venable
Hazel	Newton	6	3					26	36		62	202	00				R. L. Breland
Hebron	Newton	4	1			1	1	44	43		87	252	50			1	W. H. Rainer
Hope	Neshoba	3	2		10			21	23		44	252	50				L. E. Lightsey
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba							19	29		48	202	00			1	J. E. Breland
Midway	Newton	3				2		18	33		51	201	85				Wm. Varbrough
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	5	5					27	44		71	252	15				F. W. Gunn
New Prospect	Newton	3						22	43		65	202	00				R. G. Joiner
Neshoba	Neshoba	1	1		10	1	4	78	81		159	353	50				L. E. Lightsey
New Providence	Newton		1				2	16	20		36	121	20			1	W. J. Bruner

STATISTICAL TABLE—Continued

CHURCHES	COUNTY	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Males	Females	Colored	Total	No. Minutes	Ass'n Fund	Time of Meet'g	Ordained	Licentiates	PASTORS
New Ireland...	Newton.	4	4		1			39	41		80	25 2 50				1	W. L. Collins
Oakland	Newton	4	3					22	46		68	15 1 50					F. W. Gunn
Pleasant Hill...	Newton	10	1		3	1	1	70	80		150	40 4 00					R. L. Ireland
Pine Bluff...	Newton	1			3			24	23		47	12 1 20					W. H. Rainer
Pine Ridge...	Newton	12	1		6			24	44		68	15 1 50			1		J. S. Chatham
Poplar	Newton		2	1	2	1		15	23		38	11 1 10		3			Z. T. Faulkner
Pleasant Ridge...	Newton	3	3		2			16	25		41	10 1 00			1		G. M. May
Rock Branch ...	Newton		7				1	10	23		33	20 2 00					Z. K. Gilmore
Salem	Scott	5			6	2		29	56		85	25 2 50			2		W. H. Rainer
Sulphur Sp'gs...	Scott	7	5		4	1		17	23		40	20 2 00					C. L. Sansing
Sand Springs...	Newton	11	3		1			42	51		93	17 1 75					C. L. Sansing
Sardis	Newton		1		2			32	37		69	20 2 00		1			Wm. Varbrough
Stratton	Scott			1	1			14	33		47	15 1 50				1	J. S. Chatham
Union	Newton	2			2			19	21		40	15 1 50					L. M. Phillips
Union	Scott	13	8			2	1	37	53		90	15 1 50			1		S. C. Gordon
Union	Newton	31	33		10	2					204	40 4 00					

Union	13	8	2	1	37	53	90	151	50	1	S. C. Gordon.....
Union	31	33	10	2			204	40	4	00	
Scott											
Newton.....											

TABLE OF MESSENGERS

CHURCHES	COUNTY	Post Office	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.
Buelah.....	Newton.....	Decatur	J. E. Graham, H. O. White, T. A. Sims, J. L. Harrison
Bluff Springs.....	Neshoba.....	Union	J. D. Herrington, G. J. Hillman
Beat Line	Newton.....	Decatur.....	H. F. Allgood, G. A. Leach, Walter Edwards.....
County Line	Neshoba.....	Union	J. R. Sansing.....
Centre Ridge.....	Newton.....	Battlefield	J. S. Wells, W. T. Graves
Cross Roads.....	Newton.....	Decatur.....	M. F. Mann, Frank Russell
Chunkey	Newton.....	Chunkey	L. L. Jones, C. Gilbert, J. F. May
Decatur	Newton.....	Decatur.....	A. S. Smith, W. D. Pace, J. T. McMullen, G. P. Clarke
Dixon	Neshoba.....	Dixon	Joe Germany, W. T. Lewis
Ebenezer.....	Newton.....	Lawrence.....	T. J. Bounds, E. M. Nelson
Ebenezer.....	Neshoba.....	Dixon	By Letter
Ephesus	Scott	Forest.....	W. J. Gardner, J. D. Meyer
Good Hope.....	Scott	Lake	George Gould, Thos. Ivey
Good Hope.....	Newton	Hickory	J. L. Williams, C. A. Barber
Hopewell	Newton	Decatur.....	Joe Williamson, W. H. Harrison, Lamar Williams.....
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	A. C. Hailey, Jeff Blass, M. G. Scarbrough
Hazel	Newton	Lake	H. C. Rush
Hebron	Newton	Decatur.....	J. S. Laird, L. A. Motley.....
Hope	Neshoba	Philadelphia.....	J. A. Grafton, J. E. Turner
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Philadelphia.....	F. M. Breland, Claude Wells
Midway	Newton	Newton.....	Ray McMullen, Zack Gibson

TABLE OF MESSENGERS—(Continued)

CHURCHES	COUNTY	POST OFFICE	NAMES OF MESSENGERS
Mt. Pleasant	Newton...	Hickory	S. C. Harvey, B. B. Allen
New Prospect	Newton...	Union	C. M. Russell, A. J. Thrash
Neshoba	Neshoba...	Neshoba	C. M. McCraw, L. P. Wilson, Green Houston, W. T. Cooper
New Providence	Newton...	Chunkey	G. C. Tatum, L. J. Peevey
New Ireland	Newton...	Union	Ed Red, W. P. Gordon
Oakland	Newton...	Hickory	J. T. Giles, J. C. Harris
Pleasant Hill	Newton...	Conehatta	S. A. Bishop, W. W. Adams, W. E. Cartledge
Pine Bluff	Newton...	Union	Carl Gordon, T. E. Rayburn
Pine Ridge	Newton...	Decatur	A. M. Valentine, S. H. Everett
Poplar	Newton...	Lawrence	N. V. Harrison, A. Caples
Pleasant Ridge	Newton...	Conehatta	T. J. Bryant, J. R. McKey
Rock Branch	Newton...	Chunkey	W. H. Caldwell, J. B. Gibbon
Salem	Newton...	Union	W. H. Rainer, F. S. Smith
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Forest	T. W. Lay, D. G. Stroud
Sand Springs	Scott	Conehatta	J. D. Amis, C. A. Edwards
Sardis	Newton...	Hickory	O. O. Jones, A. W. Smith
Stratton	Scott	Sebastopol	G. W. Brantley, W. L. Gilmore
Union	Newton...	Stratton	S. A. Alexander, Joe McMullen
Union	Scott	Harperville	L. W. Townsend, R. M. Beesley
Union	Newton...	Union	H. C. Taylor, W. L. Collins, E. J. Hill, E. C. Cooper

Sulphur Springs... Forest... T. W. Lay, D. G. Stroud
 Sand Springs... Conehatta... J. D. Amis, C. A. Edwards
 Sardis... Hickory... O. O. Jones, A. W. Smith
 Stratton... Sebastopol... G. W. Brantley, W. L. Gilmore
 Union... Newton... S. A. Alexander, Joe McMullen
 Union... Scott... L. W. Townsend, R. M. Beesley
 Union... Newton... H. C. Taylor, W. L. Collins, E. J. Hill, E. C. Cooper

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTY	Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Aid	Building & Repairing	Pastor's Salary	Other Purposes	Total	Value of Ch. Property
Buelah	Newton	39 02	4 00	12 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	43 02	700 00
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	4 50	11 75	15 50	65 00	75 00	75 00	91 50	500 00
Beat Line	Newton	19 40	25 00	12 00	70 00	75 00	75 00	11 75	400 00
County Line	Neshoba	14 50	43 55	324 09	250 00	250 00	250 00	99 90	500 00
Centre Ridge	Newton	95 00	7 56	100 00	42 60	711 69	1000 00	165 00	500 00
Centre Roads	Newton	117 25	15 00	34 10	36 50	50 00	1 50	12 00	500 00
Chunky	Newton	15 00	34 10	36 50	50 00	1 50	12 00	308 00	2000 00
Decatur	Newton	15 00	34 10	36 50	50 00	1 50	12 00	711 69	1000 00
Dixon	Neshoba	15 00	34 10	36 50	50 00	1 50	12 00	82 56	500 00
Good Hope	Newton	15 00	34 10	36 50	50 00	1 50	12 00	100 00	500 00
Good Hope	Scott	15 00	34 10	36 50	50 00	1 50	12 00	300 00	300 00
Hickory	Newton	15 00	34 10	36 50	50 00	1 50	12 00	367 25	2000 00
Hazel	Newton	15 00	34 10	36 50	50 00	1 50	12 00	15 00	500 00
Hope	Neshoba	15 00	34 10	36 50	50 00	1 50	12 00	45 10	800 00
Hebron	Newton	15 00	34 10	36 50	50 00	1 50	12 00	43 00	800 00
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	15 00	34 10	36 50	50 00	1 50	12 00	500 00	500 00
Midway	Newton	15 00	34 10	36 50	50 00	1 50	12 00	76 50	300 00

FINANCIAL TABLE. - (Continued)

CHURCHES	COUNTY	Missions	Orphanage	Aid Ministerial	Repairing Building &	Salary Pastor's	Other Purposes	Total	Value of Ch. Property
Mt. Pleasant	Newton...	16 00	13 46	35 00	100 00	150 00	5 50	319 97	1000 00
New Prospect	Newton...	6 65	.....	9 00	.....	50 60	.....	66 25	400 00
Neshoba	Neshoba...	73 38	11 30	.....	.....	175 00	.....	259 68	1500 00
Oakland	Newton...	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....
Pinckney	Newton...	10 00	.....	.....	12 00	75 00	.....	97 00	500 00
Pleasant Hill	Newton...	75 30	10 00	31 00	.....	175 00	16 00	317 25	400 00
Pleasant Ridge	Newton...	.....	.....	8 00	.....	50 00	35 45	93 45	600 00
Rock Branch	Newton...	61 00	.....	32 50	.....	89 10	.....	182 60	.....
Salem	Scott...	18 75	1 60	30 35	.....	61 00	114 00	231 70	500 00
Sulphur Springs	Scott...	34 00	5 05	27 25	.....	125 00	8 25	199 75	800 00
Sand Springs	Newton...	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	50 00	700 00
Stratton	Newton...	24 05	6 25	.....	.....	100 00	.....	130 25	500 00
Union	Newton...	.....	.....	.....	.....	250 00	.....	250 00	3500 00

The Ladies' Aid Society collected and Disbursed \$214.59 included in this statement.



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